

Federal Regulatory Information for Manufacturers, Distributors, Suppliers and Retailers

- The [Federal Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act \(CPSIA\)](#) restricts lead in consumer products intended for children 12 and under. This law mandates that lead levels cannot exceed 0.03 percent (300 parts per million) by weight in the product component. The law will lower this threshold to 0.01 percent (100 ppm) by weight on August 14, 2011, if technologically feasible. Furthermore, lead levels cannot exceed 0.009 percent (90 ppm) in paint or similar coatings in children's products. Products not meeting the federal limits are considered "banned hazardous substances" under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. You can access the CPSIA, as well as other information, through the [CPSIA Web site](#). For a summary of the CPSIA requirements pertaining to lead in children's products, including lead in paint, go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/sect101.html>
- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is responsible for protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from consumer products. CPSC provides information on product recalls. Information can be obtained on the [CPSC](#) Web site or by calling 1-800-638-2772. Unsafe products can be reported at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. (Please note that products in violation of California's Metal-Containing Jewelry Law may not necessarily meet the CPSC's criteria for initiating a [product recall](#).)
- [U.S. EPA sent a letter to 120 companies](#) that were either a party to the consent judgment or were participants in a recall of children's products containing lead. This letter advises the addressees of their [reporting obligations under the Toxic Substances Control Act \(TSCA\)](#).

Links to Other Resources

- [Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry \(ATSDR\) Lead Information](#)
- The California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch maintains a Web site with [Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Health Care Providers](#) that may answer your questions concerning lead poisoning.
- The U.S. Center for Disease Control maintains a Web site with information on [Toy Jewelry and Childhood Lead Exposure](#) for more information about your child's potential exposure to lead from toy jewelry.
- [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)—Lead and Cadmium in Toy Jewelry Web page](#)
[Center for Environmental Health—Lead in Jewelry Information](#)

